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1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.
2. SINCE THE ELECTION APPEARS TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN CIRCUMSTANCES OF RELAVELY MINIMAL VIOLENCE AND FRAUD, IT WOULD NOW BE APPROPRIATE TO DELIVER THE PROPOSED MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE NEW PRIME MINISTR DESIGNATE EDWARD SEAGAM PLEASE ADVISE.
2. I BELIEVE A STATEMENT IN ANSWER TO A PLANTED QUESTION AT TODAY'S PRESS BRIEFING WOULDALSO BE MOST USEFUL. THE RADIO HERE IS SAYING WASHINGTON IS "PLEASED" WITH THE JAMAICAN ELECTION. WHILE NOT BEING TOUTED AS AN OFFICIAL REACION IT IS THE ONLY ONE SO FAR. THIS, OF COURSE NOT ONLY CONDESCENDING BUT DAMAGING TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT'S CREDENTIALS. THEREFORE, I SUGGEST WE SAY IN THE STATEMENT:
" WE CONGRATULATE THE PEOPLE OF JAMAICA FOR THE VIGOR OF THEIR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AS SHOWN IN THEIR NATIONAL ELECTIONS YESTERDAY. WE CONGRATUALATE THE VICTORIOUS JAMAICA LABOUR PARTY AND ITS LEADER EDWARD SEAGA AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THEM ON THE BASIS OF CLOSE FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING"
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